

# City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

December 6, 2013

## PENACOOK TANNERY/AMAZON REALTY CLEANUP

Cleanup work continues at the former Allied Leather Tannery and Amazon Realty sites. Recent accomplishments include removal and disposal of 321 tons of PCB contaminated soils from the Amazon property. Looking ahead, the contractor will continue to remove concrete slabs at the property, which shall be crushed, processed and reused as backfill at the site. Work is anticipated to continue through the winter, pending weather conditions.

## **AGWAY FIRE INSURANCE CLAIM**

The City has reached a settlement agreement with Primex, the City's property and liability insurance provider, for the former Agway property located at 6-9 South Commercial Street, which burned in August 2012. The City will receive \$79,031. These funds will be deposited into the North End Opportunity Corridor Tax Increment Finance (NEOCTIF) District, as the District financed the acquisition and demolition of this property.

## FALL LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES

General Services Department crews continue to vacuum up leaves placed at the curb. Residents are asked to wind row leaves along the edge of the street, as

opposed to leaving them on the back of the sidewalk where crews are unable to reach them to vacuum them up. Only loose leaves, NO BRUSH and NO BAGS, will be picked up. Crews have completed the enclosed drainage areas and will start the rural areas next week. Once the rural areas are completed, crews will start a second round of the city if the weather cooperates.



Residents may also take their leaves, free of charge, to the Ft. Eddy Road Reprocessing Center. Please note, leaves will have to be dumped out of any bags at the site. The Reprocessing Center will be open this Saturday, December 7th, from 8:00 AM to noon. The Reprocessing Center will be closing for the winter on Monday, December 9th.

## THIN ICE

The weather is getting colder and ice is beginning to form on several ponds, including the ponds at White Park and Beaver Meadow Golf Course. Please stay off all ponds, as the ice is still too thin. The ponds at White Park and Beaver Meadow will open for skating as soon as conditions allow; however, they will not be ready for several more weeks. Please check the Parks and Recreation web site, at <a href="https://www.concordparksandrec.com">www.concordparksandrec.com</a> for updated information



## DURGIN BLOCK GARAGE SPACES AVAILABLE

The City has 15 uncovered parking spaces available for lease in the Durgin Block Parking Garage. The annual lease rate is \$1,044 per year and includes property taxes. Interested parties should contact the City's Parking Division at 225-8640 for more information.

#### BEAVER MEADOW PRO SHOP



The Pro Shop at Beaver Meadow Golf Course will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 12/6 through 12/8, from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM, for holiday sales. The course is also offering great gift certificate options on their web site: <a href="https://www.beavermeadowgolf.course.com">www.beavermeadowgolf.course.com</a>. This Sunday, December 8th, is the last day to "lock in" this year's membership rates for next year.

In other news, staff have begun expanding the driving range and preparing for the new outdoor golf ball dispenser. The driving range will be expanded by approximately 30 feet, which will allow more space for golfers and for the expanding lesson program. Final grade and seeding will be completed in the spring.



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## CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

## **Children's Programs**

Toddler Tales
Monday, December 9th
10:30 AM

Family Storytime
Wednesday, December 11th
10:30 AM

Paws for Pages
Wednesday, December 11th
3:30 PM

*Lapsit*Thursday, December 12th
10:30 AM

### **Adult Programs**

New England Irish Harp Orchestra Saturday, December 14th 2:00 PM



Come and enjoy a spirited, delightful program of music of the season with Irish harps, tin whistles, singing and more. Regina Delaney, Claudia Altemus, the New England Irish Harp Orchestra and guest musicians will perform at this free and well-loved program.

## **BLUE HOLIDAY SERVICE OF HEALING & LIGHT**

For many people, the holiday season does not bring with it the joy and happiness advertised in greeting cards or on TV. Perhaps we have lost someone we love, suffered an emotional trauma, ended a relationship or dealt with illness.

Perhaps we no longer have a job or feel pressured by all the holiday expectations. The Friends of Blossom Hill and Calvary Cemetery will hold a **Blue Holiday Service of Healing and Light** on **Friday, December 13th**, at **6:00 PM** in Perkins Chapel located in the Blossom Hill and Calvary Cemetery. Come and be spiritually nurtured for the days ahead. Reverend Terry Odell, an Ordained Interfaith Minister and Director of Anam Cara - the Irish Soul Friend, will be the leader of prayer. For more information, call Cemetery Administrator Jill McDaniel at 225-3911.



## CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION HONORS ANN HOEY

On November 17, 2013, the Concord Public Library Foundation held a reception and presented the 2013 Elizabeth Yates Award to Ann Hoey, Youth Services Librarian at the New Hampshire State Library.

The Elizabeth Yates Award honors Concord resident and children's author Elizabeth Yates, who was a strong advocate of reading and who supported library programs in the Concord community during her lifetime. The Elizabeth Yates

Award was begun in 1994 to honor an individual in the greater Concord area who is actively engaged in inspiring young people to read. Ms. Hoey has demonstrated her outstanding dedication to support children's library services through her work with both public and school libraries across the state. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and encouragement have provided the tools for librarians to motivate children to read.



Ann Hoey

In addition to receiving an award certificate, Ms. Hoey's name was added to the Elizabeth Yates Award plaque in the Children's Room. She will also assist in the selection of \$500 worth of children's books for the Concord Public Library.